

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

MPU 24 includes a communication unit 41 (for exchanging control signals with the host PC 10), a data analyzer 42 (for analyzing data received by the communication unit 41 and for outputting the results to the individual sections), a mechanism controller 43 (for controlling the individual mechanisms, such as the printer head 21, the mechanism for feeding the print object (not shown) and the mechanism for feeding the ink ribbon 38), a printer head controller 44 (for controlling the movements of the printer head 21 and the dot pins 30), a key detection/display unit 45 (for detecting the state of the key manipulated on the operator panel 22, and for outputting information that is to be displayed on the display portion (not shown)), and a flash memory erasing/writing unit 46 (for erasing data from or writing data to the flash memory 26).

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons stated below and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

I. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-3 AND 7-13 ARE PRECLUDED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(c):

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-3 and 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gilbert, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 3,866,533) (hereinafter "*Gilbert*") in view of *Ohsawa, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,774,882) (hereinafter